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College helps dress students for success

Starting March 14, Clark College will again accept clothing donations to give upcoming graduates better threads for all-important job interviews.

Donations for the 2011 Career Clothing Closet are welcome through April 4.

Now in its seventh year, the Closet project has provided students with professional clothing for job and scholarship interviews and other occasions that require appropriate attire. More than 1,600 Clark students have been served the past three years.

Donations will be taken 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays in the Career Services office in Room 108 of Gaiser Hall at the main Clark campus, 1933 Fort Vancouver Way in Vancouver.

Driving directions and parking maps are available at <http://clark.edu/maps>.

Organizers ask that donors consider men's and women's clothing that is suitable and comfortable for an interview.

Jody Shulnak, Clark service learning and volunteer program manager, asks that "donations be in excellent condition and ready for use" — laundered or dry-cleaned and ironed.

If the size of the garment is not clearly marked, donors should label the item — a small slip of paper with the size can be safety-pinned to the garment, Shulnak said.

Spare hangers, especially those with clips for slacks and skirts, are also much welcomed.

Tax receipts will be available for donors. To donate, or for more information, call 360-992-2902, or send an e-mail to service_learning@clark.edu.

The Clothing Closet will open its doors to Clark students on April 7 and 8, providing one free outfit per person.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on April 7, 9 a.m. to noon on April 8, in Room 258B-C of the Penguin Union Building on the main Clark campus.